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(SEMESTER: I–II)

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**Section-A**

**Concept of Human Rights**
- Types
- Sources.
- Classification of Rights

**Section-B**

**Historical Development of Human Rights: National and International Perspective**

**Section-C**

**International Perspective**
- The Magna Carta, 1215.
- The English Bill of Rights, 1689.
- The American Declaration of Independence, 1776.
- The French Declaration on the Right of Man and Citizen, 1789.

**Section-D**

**International Standards for Protection of Human Rights:**
- Customary International Law relating to Human Rights
- UN Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights
Suggested Readings:

2. Jayna Kothari: The future of Disability Law in India (Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2012)
5. Upenderd Baxi, Human Right in A Post Human world: Critical Essays (Oxford University Press, 2007)
Paper – II: International Conventions on Human Rights

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Section-A
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948.

Section-B
- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966.
- Rights of Special Groups (International Perspective)

Section-C
Crimes against Humanity:
- Genocide
- Slavery
- Torture
- Piracy
- Trafficking in Human Beings
- International Terrorism
Section-D

International Conventions on Human Rights:

Suggested Readings:

1. A.G. Norani (South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centres), Challenges in Civil Rights Guarantees in India (Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012)
Paper – I: Human Rights: The Legislative Framework and the Institutional Mechanism in India

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Section-A
The Constitutional Provisions
- Preamble
- Fundamental Rights
- Statutory Enforcement of Human Rights in India

Section-B
- Directive Principles
- Fundamental Duties

Section-C
The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993
- National Human Rights Commission
- State Human Rights Commission

Section-D
Establishment of Commissions
- Commissions for Women
- Schedule Caste
- Schedule Tribes
- Minorities and Children

Suggested Readings:
6. V.S. Mani (Ed.) Handbook of International Humanitarian Law (Oxford University Press, 2007)
PAPER-II: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

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Section-A
Concept of Human Rights:
- Human Rights in India:
- Judicial Activism and Protection of Human Rights in India.

Section-B
- Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

Section-C
- Meaning and Concept of Humanitarian Law.
- Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons.

Section-D
- Geneva Conventions on the International Humanitarian Law.
- Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions on Humanitarian Law.

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